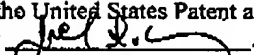


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Sir:

This correspondence is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 26, 2006 for the above-identified application, setting a 30 days/1 month period for the response. Applicants hereby submit a Petition for an Extension of Time of one month in which to respond to the Restriction Requirement, thus making this response timely.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this document.